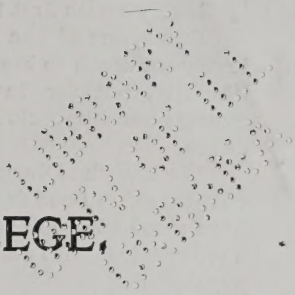


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ROCKFORD COLLEGE,

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY

For the Year 1895-6.

IN reviewing the forty-seventh year in the history of Rockford College we wish first to express our sorrow in the death of Mr. Horatio Stone, one of the Board of Trustees. We feel that Rockford College owes much to him, not only for material aid which he always gave liberally, but for interest and for wise counsel. We would also express our appreciation of his generous remembrance of us at his death.

We have had during the year boarding pupils from fourteen different states, and one from Japan, as well as the usual day school. We have also had special students in drawing and painting, and music, and have received into our gymnasium a number of women sent by their physicians.

The health of the school has been good throughout the year. The result of the gymnastic training in typical cases is shown by the following report:

No.		GIRTH OF CHEST. REPOSE.	GIRTH OF CHEST. FULL.	TOTAL STRENGTH.	LUNG CAPACITY.
708	{ October .. { April	76. 77.5	79. 83.	179. 354.	130. 155.
760	{ Dec. { April	84. 84.	87.5 89.	267. 414.	90. 105.
753	{ October .. { April	81. 81.	84.5 84.5	172. 304.	175. 190.
713	{ October .. { April	76.5 76.5	81. 81.2	244. 358.	140. 165.
763	{ January .. { April	72. 76.	77. 79.	202. 306.	155. 180.
725	{ October .. { April	72. 78.	80. 82.	214. 318.	190. 200.
742	{ October .. { April	75.5 77.	80.5 81.5	178. 279.	150. 165.
722	{ October .. { April	78.5 80.	80.5 82.	205. 305.	148. 180.

The intellectual work has been well sustained, maintaining always a high grade of scholarship. It has followed in general the curriculum as specified in the catalogue. The Course in Science has been followed with good results; the fine equipment of our laboratories in Adams Hall makes it possible for us to do work according to modern methods. This year there has been a class formed in Advanced Physics, meeting once a week to study recent progress in the science. For the benefit of this class six of the leading scientific reviews have been added to the reading room. The class in Historical Exercises has this year been studying the records of the Confederate congress and the diplomatic history of the Civil War. Last year prizes were offered by the American Institute of Sacred Literature to Juniors and Seniors throughout the United States and Canada. Students in eighty-one colleges competed, and the first prize, \$100, for work on the English Bible was taken by one of our students, Miss Grace McGaw, now Mrs. Lyon, a missionary in Tien Tsin, China. Miss Mary A. Sabin, of Belvidere, one of the Senior class, has been elected a fellow in history and economics at the University of Wisconsin. Her work will be done with Prof. Richard T. Ely. The amount of the fellowship is \$400. Miss Sabin is the first graduate of Rockford College to hold a university fellowship. It is hoped that next year the college may be able to offer other university fellowships.

The work in music this year has been of unusual interest and profit. Besides public recitals there have been class recitals every two weeks by means of which students have had opportunity to play before other people. There has been a class in advanced harmony as well as in elementary harmony.

Miss Conant has had charge of the work in drawing and painting. During the spring term she has had an out-of-door sketching club. The condition of this department is very encouraging. The number of pupils has been increased, and for the first time in years the department has been more than self supporting.

The two literary societies conducted by the students have done enthusiastic work; the classical club gave a presentation of scenes from The Medea of Euripides in the original Greek. The performance showed most careful training and an appreciation of the classical spirit. Under the auspices of the club a lecture on Attic vases was given by Prof. Tarbell of the University of Chicago.

During the year we have had the following lectures, addresses and recitals:

October	2.	Sitting and Standing Positions,	- -	DR. LELAND.
	8.	Exhibition of California Sketches,	-	MISS CONANT.
	9.	Song Recital,	- - - -	MISS RADACKE.
	16.	Piano Recital,	- - - -	MR. WELLS.
	23.	Greek and Barbarian,	- - -	MRS. KNUTSSON.
	30.	Gounod's Faust,	- - - -	MISS WILKINS.
November	6.	History a Science,	- - - -	MISS SUTLIFF.
	13.	Tristram and Isolde,	- - - -	MISS WILKINS.
	20.	Tristram and Isolde, cont'd,	- -	MISS WILKINS.

December	4.	Tristram and Isolde, cont'd,	- - -	MISS WILKINS.
	11.	Song Recital,	- - -	MISS RADACKE.
January	8.	Piano Recital,	- - -	MR. WELLS.
	15.	The Arthurian legends,	- - -	MISS EASTMAN.
	22.	Tito Melema,	- - -	MISS GULLIVER.
	24.	Pupils Recital.		
	30.	Address,—Day of Prayer for Colleges,	-	
				DR. THOS. C. HALL, Chicago.
February	5.	Piano Recital (<i>Wagner</i>),	- - -	MISS WILKINS.
	19.	Roeutgen Rays,	- - -	MISS SPAFFORD.
	26.	Euripides and Greek Art,	- - -	MRS. KNUTSSON.
March	4.	The Meistersaenger,	- - -	MISS WILKINS.
	8.	Pupils Recital.		
	11.	The Meistersaenger,	- - -	MISS WILKINS.
	18.	Song Recital,	- - -	MISS RADACKE.
April	7.	Public Recital,	- - -	
				MISS WILKINS, MISS RADACKE, MR. WELLS.
	8.	Piano Recital,	- - -	MR. WELLS.
	10.	Exhibition of Sea Mosses,	-	MISS MARY J. WESTFALL.
	15.	Address,	- - -	MISS HOWE, Japan.
	22.	Pupils Piano Recital.		
	29.	Root pressure of plants,	- - -	MISS SHELDON.
May	2.	Attic vases, -	PROF. TARBELL, University of Chicago.	
	6.	Address, -	REV. N. D. HILLIS, Chicago.	
	14.	Missionary Work in Persia,	- - -	MISS VAN HOOK.
	20.	Immortality,	- - -	REV. C. H. CHURCH.
June	3.	Transpiration and absorption of gases by plants,		
				MISS SHELDON.

The school has two societies for promoting work of a spiritual and sociological character. A missionary society holds monthly meetings for the purpose of keeping its members in sympathy with all kinds of missionary work and for helping in the maintenance of such work. By means of its weekly collections it has, together with the Christian Association, contributed to the following objects:

The Rockford Hospital.....	\$ 7 00
Delegate to Peoria	10 00
Delegate to Geneva.....	4 00
Mr. Wade.....	2 50
Miss Zimmer, work in Scutari.....	25 00
State Y. W. C. A.....	6 00
Armenians.....	4 61
W. B. M. I.....	10 00
Hull House.....	10 00
Thanksgiving dinners, relief work.....	42 75
Neighborhood relief work.....	23 63
Miss Kitto, Ohahe, S. Dakota.....	5 40

A Mission Band growing out of interest in the "Student Volunteer Movement" holds weekly meetings. Its subject of study this year has been India.

The work of the Christian Association has been growing rapidly

during the last few years. In addition to holding weekly prayer meetings it has been doing practical neighborhood work as a branch of the City Union Aid Society. This work of a College Settlement character began with the establishment of a night school holding two sessions a week. In the course of time the night school work was taken up by the Young Woman's Christian Association of Rockford, and finally by the city itself. When freed from the night school, the Association joined the City Union Aid Society in neighborhood work. Regularly appointed committees of students visit the poor in the vicinity of the college, and endeavor to aid those in trouble by giving relief, sending the sick to the hospital, and finding employment for those out of work. Reports are made monthly to the College Association. This work has proved of practical value to the students in teaching them methods of philanthropic work, and in the development of character.

In addition to this work of the Christian Association, a class in gymnastics has been held once a week for young women employed during the day. The class has been made possible by the generosity of the Trustees in giving the use of the gymnasium, and by the kindness of Miss Felker in giving her services as instructor.

Under the leadership of Miss Sutliff a class in English history was held once a week during the first two terms of the year. It is one of the electives offered in the Senior year of the College course, and was attended by about thirty-six Rockford women who are not otherwise connected with the college.

We have also had the advantage of hearing two courses of lectures delivered in town this winter under the auspices of the Rockford University Extension Center. A course in literature by Professor Moulton of the University of Chicago, and in bacteriology by Prof. Cole, of Chicago. There have been also in the city during the year fine concerts and other entertainments which we have been able to enjoy.

This summer the Hull House College Extension classes hold their fourth annual session here from June 29th to August 1st.

The interest of the alumnae in the College continues to grow; there are now six reunion associations holding yearly meetings. The Chicago association this year has undertaken to raise the sum of \$5,000 within five years for a scholarship fund. The Minneapolis association has given some fine photographs from Watts and Burne-Jones for the chapel.

We recommend to the Board of Trustees the granting of degrees and diplomas as follows:

For the Bachelor's degree:

FANNY JACKSON,
LYDIA G. ROBINSON,

MARY A. SABIN,
GRACE SHERMAN.

For the diploma from the School of Music:

GRACE D. DERTHICK,
LAURA NOONAN,
ALMA ANDRES.

WALLACE HOBART,
JENNIE WEYBURN,

The Student's Aid Association reports this year twelve students aided, and \$1267.38 expended. This association has fully proved that its

founders were wise, and that such an organization was needed in the school. Some of those who have been helped by it, have become self supporting women and are returning to the association the money which they have received from it. There is more call for borrowing from the Sill Loaning Fund than there are means for. The objects of these funds, the Students' Aid and the Sill Loaning, are too obvious to need comment, but it is very essential that they be increased either by direct gifts to the Sill Loaning Fund or by new memberships in the Students' Aid Association, if they are to meet the demands yearly made upon them. Annual membership fees for the Students' Aid Association are \$5, life membership fees are \$100.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees' held on April 14th, Miss Anderson presented her resignation and Miss Phoebe T. Sutliff was elected president of Rockford College. Miss Sutliff is a graduate of Vassar, has a Master's degree from Cornell University, and has done graduate work at the University of Zurich and the Swiss Polytechnic. She will retain the chair of American and modern history. Miss Sutliff will be assisted in the administrative work of the College by Miss Mattie Austice Harris, who is a graduate of Lincoln College, Illinois, and receives the Doctor's degree from Yale University this month. Besides her duties as Dean, Miss Harris will have charge of the work in English literature. Mrs. Helen Frances Bates will next year have charge of the work in economics, and in ancient and mediæval history. Mrs. Bates is a graduate of Wellesley College and receives the Doctor's degree from the University of Wisconsin this month. Miss Ida Prescott Clough, a graduate of Radcliffe College, will teach preparatory Latin and Greek next year. Miss Clough has taken Sophomore and Senior honors in classics during her college course. During the fall term Miss Gulliver did work in philosophy with Harvard professors and has been here for work during the last two terms of the year. Miss Rumsey, who has been studying English at Yale University during the past year, and who takes her Master's degree from Smith this month, will return in the fall and again assume her work in preparatory English.

The scholarly outlook for Rockford College has never been so assured as at the present time. With a president of Miss Sutliff's ability, we look forward to increased prosperity.

For the Faculty of

ROCKFORD COLLEGE,

SARAH F. ANDERSON.

June 16, 1896.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

ROCKFORD COLLEGE



Sunday, June 14, 10:30 a. m. (Second Congregational Church).

Baccalaureate Sermon, REV. WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, Chicago

Sunday, June 14, 7:30 p. m. (First Congregational Church).

Missionary Address, - - - - REV. H. G. BISSELL, India

Monday, June 15, 8 p. m. (College Chapel).

Annual Concert, - - - - The Students of the School of Music

Tuesday, June 16, 8 p. m.

Reception by the Senior Class.

Wednesday, June 17, 10 a. m. (College Chapel).

Commencement Address, PROF. JOHN DEWEY, University of Chicago

Wednesday, June 17, 12:30 p. m. (Adams Hall).

The Alumnae Dinner.

Wednesday, June 17, 3:30 p. m. (College Chapel).

Business Meeting of the Alumnae.



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